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EARL MCGRATH C. P. C. U. LUNCHEON SPEAKER

Featured speaker at the Annual Meeting of the Council of Protestant Colleges and Universities to be held at Denver, January 10, 1960 will be Dr. Earl McGrath of Teacher's College, Columbia University, former Commissioner of Education.

his subject

THE PLACE OF THE PROTESTANT COLLEGE IN
CONTEMPORARY AMERICAN HIGHER EDUCATION

Discussion of this theme will follow in the afternoon under the leadership of a panel including Dr. McGrath, Dean Myron Wicke of Southwestern University, President Miller Upton of Beloit College, President John Moseley of Austin College.

College Presidents will receive announcements and luncheon reservation cards.

We urge adherence to the Commandment: "Do unto others...." which means:

- make your reservations
- stick to them or mail a check if your plans change

COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION TO ENLARGE ANNUAL MEETING

June 13 - 19, 1960 - CONFERENCE POINT CAMP, LAKE GENEVA, WISCONSIN

This is a date and place we ask all members of Committees and Boards of the Units and of the Commission on Higher Education, N. C. C. to record now so you may plan to attend the Annual Meeting of the C. H. E.

Through such a gathering it is hoped that all the various aspects of the churches' concerns in higher education may be brought together for enriched perspectives and mutual understanding.

Details of the general program and the meeting times of particular committees will be announced later.

NATIONAL CHRISTIAN COLLEGE DAY, APRIL 16, 1961

It is not too early for colleges to be appointing committees and making plans for the 1961 National Christian College Day observance. The date is April 16, 1961. Enclosed is a copy of a special issue of INFORMATION SERVICE that has been prepared for resource material. It is available in quantity at the following prices: 1 - 50 copies, 20¢ each; 50 - 100 copies, 15¢ each; over 100 copies, $4.00 a hundred. Send orders to Commission on Higher Education, National Council of Churches, 475 Riverside Drive, New York 27, New York.

We haven't read it yet, but the new book by James Morrill "The Ongoing State University" (University of Minnesota Press, 1960) as reviewed by Sheridan Baker in the current issue of the AAUP Bulletin looks very interesting. Drawing from the book Mr. Baker says, "President Morrill has seen something of legislative and public indifference. He knows that, in spite of tremendous increases, legislatures were budgeting ten per cent for the universities in 1915 and less than five per cent in 1950, that the annual bill for all U. S. colleges and universities (two billion plus in 1950) is less than one per cent of the gross national product and income, that we spend more on tobacco, more for liquor, more for amusement (and he might have added that the laborer earns 100 per cent more and the professor five per cent less than in 1940 - according to my TV)." APES IN THE SQUARE

A new short bulletin has just come out from the Office of Education of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare entitled "Impact of College" by Mervin B. Freedman. It is listed as Bulletin No. 4 under the general head of New Dimensions in Higher Education. It is an attempt to summarize the findings of the recent studies made to evaluate the changes in student personality, character and values that take place as a result of attendance at college. The summary is useful in that it gives some idea of the kind of studies that have been made and the kind of conclusions reached. It is unsatisfactory in that it is too sketchy and thus unable to give sufficient information on the qualifications that must be kept in mind. It is a useful digest particularly for the bibliography. EDUCATION AND VALUES

The most recent book to come to our desk is "American Higher Education in the 1960's" by Robert J. Havighurst (Ohio State University Press, 1960). Dr. Havighurst is concerned with American higher education as its future will be shaped by the forces of the economy, demography, and ideology. He analyzes the current phase, the coming phase, asks who will go to college in the 1960's, speaks to the question of higher education and the masses and the problems of opportunity. He concludes that "there is a real threat to the maintenance of opportunity through higher education during the coming period of intense student pressure for college admission and greater activity on the part of colleges and universities...those most likely to lose opportunity are youth of working class background." It is a thought provoking study. MEASURED JUDGMENT

Latest in the Carnegie Series on American Education is "The Governance of Education" by John J. Corson. It is a book designed to describe the roles of the decision makers - presidents, trustees, deans, department heads and faculty in dealing with the policies and problems of colleges and universities. We haven't read it yet but if it has something constructive to say on half the questions the announcement says it deals with, it should be very useful. NEW BOOK ON ADMINISTRATION

This reminds us that the Office of Education has recently completed a study of the government and control of public colleges and universities and has made inquiry as to whether a similar study of private institutions would be useful. The Executive Committee of the Council of Protestant Colleges assured them that it would be and urged that the study be made. USEFUL STUDY PROJECTED

The new Evangelical Lutheran Church formed from the merger last spring of the American, Evangelical and United Evangelical Lutheran churches will contribute $2\frac{1}{2}$ million dollars in support of its colleges next year. This will amount to $90 to $100 per student for senior colleges. In addition there will be almost a million dollars allocated for new buildings. The new church is expected to embark on a comprehensive study of its whole program on higher education in planning for the next decade. LUTHERANS PLAN SUPPORT OF COLLEGES

We have just received the first issue of "Student Movement," the new publication for the Student Christian Movement of Great Britain and Ireland. It is described by the editors as follows:

NEW BRITISH STUDENT JOURNAL

- as a journal for students on the move because universities and colleges change fast
- on the move because we enter a revolutionary world
- on the move because here is some honest thinking
- rejects the theory that religion is dull and narrow
- relates Christianity to the questions and needs of today
- reports new life in college, church and world
- reviews important new books and movements of thought

We congratulate the editor, Steven Mackie and express the hope that the Journal will achieve the quality they dream for and a wide reading constituency.

DISCUSSION MATERIAL AVAILABLE

"If your attempts to bring Tillich in person to your campus have been fruitless, why not bring him on tape?" This is the opening sentence of a University Christian Mission announcement of the availability of lectures, addresses, sermons, religious radio programs, etc. on tape which may be borrowed from the Reigner Recording Library, Union Theological Seminary, 3401 Brook Road, Richmond 27, Virginia. Hundreds of such recordings by the foremost contemporary preachers and theologians may be obtained. Write them for a catalogue.

COLLEGE HELPS EDUCATE FACULTY

Union College, Barbourville, Kentucky, raises money to help its faculty work for graduate degrees. The plan "is two years old and working to perfection. The money is made available in the form of a loan, without interest, for which the individual involved signs a note. No maximum limit has been set on the amount of money that can be borrowed by any one individual, but a limitation enters in that the college has only limited funds available to use for this purpose. The amount made available to each applicant is determined on the basis of the needs of the individual, the number of applicants, and the total resources available. The loans are cancelled at the rate of an amount equal to the individual's Summer Session salary for each subsequent year of service. In other words, for each subsequent year of service $650 to $1400 is cancelled, depending on the faculty rank of the borrower.

"In the event the individual does not return to the faculty, the notes become payable on demand with an interest rate of three percent."

THEOLOGY FOR LEARNED LAYMEN

Keith Irwin reports that some 80 faculty registered for the "Faculty Institute for Theological Literacy" held in Southern California recently. Professor Wilhelm Pauk of Union Seminary, New York was lecturer. It is hoped that this will be the first of a series of such retreats.

INTERESTING QUOTE

"For the athletic mess, the universities have themselves to blame. The N.C.A.A., though top-heavy in its administration with coaches and athletic directors, is a college and university body. As long ago as 1922, it adopted a resolution urging 'absolute faculty control' of athletics...they probably have more control than they have ever exercised. The reasons they haven't exercised it are not hard to find.

...In the first place, American colleges and universities have never been much concerned with the intellectual life. The colleges and universities that do honor the intellectual life are those like Reed, Antioch, Chicago, Johns Hopkins, which do not maintain big-time athletics, or those, like the Ivy League schools, which have achieved in recent years a measure of de-emphasis. It is well to remember that the level of intellectual life in the Ivy League schools when football grew to power was probably not much higher than it is in the state universities today.

In the state universities, now the chief supporters of inflated athletic programs, the intellectual life is the concern of a small group at best.

...There is a logic in thinking that the Big Ten schools may before long de-emphasize. Universities like Minnesota, Michigan, Wisconsin, and others have the physical facilities, the faculties, and can select the students which would make them primarily intellectual institutions....The subordination of sports to intellect in the Big Ten would do much to restore sanity to college athletics....The melancholy truth is that reached by Plato long ago. Man's glory is his reason, but it exists at the small end of the triangle. He carries with him 'the heavy bear,' and in the end as in the beginning, the beast will have him. Civilization is still a clearing in the jungle, and if apes gambol in the public square, one may be dismayed but should not be surprised." (Head, Heart and Hand Outstretched: Intercollegiate Athletics by Kenneth Eble, Columbia University Forum Fall 1960.) AMEN

Congratulations to J. Alfred Martin, to Union Theological Seminary, New York and to the Danforth Foundation on the occasion of Dr. Martin's installation as the first Danforth Professor of Religion in Higher Education. MARTIN INSTALLED

Our congratulations and best wishes go to the United Church of Canada as it embarks on a capital fund campaign to found Huntingdon University as part of the Laurentian University of Sudbury. As now planned, the Laurentian University will include Huntingdon University of the United Church, the University of Lalemant College, Roman Catholic, a non-denominational university college, a university related to the Anglican Church of professional schools and faculty. The need for a university in northern Ontario has long been felt and we certainly wish to extend to the United Church best wishes for a most successful campaign. NEW CANADIAN UNIVERSITY

We pass on the latest collegiate story. A few weeks before National Christian College Day a certain university president received a letter from the program chairman of the local Rotary Club. "The Rotary Club wishes to have a speaker from the university to speak on higher education." The letter went on to specify that they would not want anyone lower than a Dean and, of course, the speaker should be witty. The university president replied, "In this university there is no one lower than a Dean and on the matter of the wit, we will try and meet you half way." WITS END

A Gentle Hint

University chapels, students, campus or college churches and other united campus ministries often take offerings for or make budget appropriations to ecumenical agencies that share their interdenominational nature.

With all due diffidence may we lay before such bodies the financial need of the Commission on Higher Education and suggest that there is a logic to their supporting this Commission and its units.

The denominational support of the Commission is growing but it will take time for this new agency to be fully included in budget appropriations. In the meantime, we must look to the Division of Christian Education and individual friends or campus groups who believe in the work of the Commission to help us balance annual budgets and do our work.

So we invite university chapels and campus churches to include the Commission in their offerings or budget support. If you need interpretive leaflets, let us know. (Write to Commission on Higher Education, National Council of Churches, 475 Riverside Drive, New York 27, New York.)

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